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CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A telephone requirement for restriction was made in connection with the above-identified patent application on June 30, 2003.

The undersigned confirms that in response to that telephone requirement, a provisional election was made to prosecute Group I, claims 1-8.

Said provisional election was specifically made with traverse since no basis therefor has been set forth in the written record.

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